

## **GOVERNOR GRANHOLM'S PLAN TO GROW OUR ECONOMY, SECURE OUR FUTURE:** **OVERALL ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR MICHIGAN**

### **GOVERNOR GRANHOLM HAS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CREATE JOBS AND BOOST MICHIGAN'S ECONOMY**

She will "go anywhere and do anything" to create, retain, and grow jobs in Michigan. And, she is fighting hard to protect our families and educate our children. Governor Granholm puts Michigan first.

#### **GROWING THE ECONOMY**

The Governor is going anywhere and doing anything to create jobs for Michigan workers, and direct action by her administration is convincing major corporations to create jobs and expand in Michigan. Keebler relocated its headquarters from Illinois to Battle Creek. Toyota is putting 400 people to work in York Township at its new Technical Center. When manufacturing jobs left Greenville for Mexico, Governor Granholm stepped in and helped convince United Solar Ovonic to open a new manufacturing facility there. The Governor has met face to face with businesses from across the country and around the world – and her leadership is paying off. Her investment missions to Japan have attracted more than 1,030 new jobs and more than \$200 million in new investment from Japanese companies. But the Governor knows we have a lot more to do to create good paying jobs so our kids can stay in Michigan and work in Michigan. That's why she has a comprehensive Jobs Today, Jobs Tomorrow plan, which includes a new, \$2 billion 21<sup>st</sup> Century Jobs for Michigan Fund that will diversify our economy and create thousands of jobs. From cutting taxes for businesses to matching out-of-work citizens with jobs that exist right now, Granholm is working hard every day to turn our economy around.

#### **PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES AND OUR CHILDREN**

Granholm knows that Michigan must ensure the health and safety of our families and our children to maintain our excellent quality of life. That's why in just three years, her administration has made it possible for more than 292,000 uninsured or under-insured citizens to receive affordable prescription drug coverage and health care coverage; and they've created the MiRx drug discount program that's helping 35,000 Michiganians purchase prescriptions. To protect our children, she's gone after sex and violence in video games. Our neighborhoods are also safer after her administration put more than 1,400 dangerous parole violators and more than 800 sex offenders back behind bars.

#### **EDUCATING OUR KIDS**

Governor Granholm knows the best path to a bright economic future is a high-quality education. Our children deserve to reach their full potential in a safe environment with the tools they need to succeed. That's why the Governor created Project Great Start to increase access to quality child care in Michigan communities and to give parents the tools they need to be their child's first and most important teacher. The Governor is also working to create higher standards in Michigan's high schools so that all students are prepared for success in college and in life. She is fighting to make Michigan the first state in the nation to make college or vocational training accessible and affordable for every child in the state. And, despite eliminating almost \$4 billion in budget shortfalls – more than any other governor before her – Governor Granholm's 2006 budget increased funding for Michigan's K-12 schools to record levels, while asking schools to do more to help kids learn.

## **Granholt Administration's Accomplishments for Michigan's Environment**

Governor Granholt is also highly committed to protecting Michigan's environment which is vitally important to our economy, to Michigan families for recreational activities, and to our unparalleled quality of life. Since taking office, Governor Granholt and her administration have:

- **Prevented the Great Lakes from Being Sold.** Signed legislation that for the first time protects Michigan waters from large-scale diversions and withdrawals. The landmark legislation fulfills a commitment Michigan made more than 20 years ago to join with other states and Canada to protect and preserve the waters of the Great Lakes Basin.
- **Kept Toxic Waste Out of the Great Lakes.** Signed legislation banning the dumping of contaminated dredge material containing toxic substances such as mercury, dioxin, or PCB into the open waters in Michigan.
- **Protected the Great Lakes From Ecological Damage.** Signed legislation that will help protect the Great Lakes from the dangers of non-native aquatic invaders by requiring permits for all ocean-going ships that dock in Michigan ports.
- **Ensured Clean Water.** Signed legislation to help local communities develop pollution prevention projects by making it easier for Michigan communities to access nearly \$900 million in low-interest loans.
- **Protected Lake Michigan Shoreline.** Protected in perpetuity more than 6,000 acres of land on Lake Michigan's shoreline including 4,000 acres of prime apple and peach farmland, and six miles of Lake Michigan shoreline, the largest undeveloped swath left around the Lake.
- **Made Polluters Pay.** The Granholt Department of Environmental Quality has entered into 391 Consent Agreements, received \$12,293,776 in fines and penalties, and negotiated \$1,669,235 in supplemental environmental projects from those who violate Michigan environmental laws. One of the Governor's first actions was to ban those that violate environmental laws from contracting with the State of Michigan for business.
- **Increased Polluters Fees.** Signed legislation (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System fee increases) to make polluters pay to protect Michigan's environment. These laws help protect Michigan's water resources by providing the funding to have in place strong monitoring and enforcement programs.
- **Called for the development of a plan to reduce mercury emissions from Michigan power plants.** The plan is designed to protect the health of Michigan's families and the environment from the harmful effects of mercury emissions by reducing power plants' mercury emissions by 90 percent by 2015.
- **Issued an Executive Directive calling for the development of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Energy Plan for Michigan.** This plan calls for the development of an energy plan for the state of Michigan by the end of 2006. The plan will determine Michigan's capacity need; renewable energy sources; energy efficiency and load management; and alternative energy technologies.
- **Fought Importation of Canadian Trash.** Signed legislation that will help reduce the amount of trash Michigan is currently being forced to take. A new inspection program for Canadian trash was also instituted to ensure that the trash that is coming into Michigan is not illegal or dangerous.

- **Protected Forests.** Preserved in perpetuity for the public, more than 270,000 acres of prime forestland in Michigan's Upper Peninsula through a landmark deal with the Nature Conservancy, the Foundation Community, and The Forestland Group. This deal will connect more than two million acres of recreation and forestland in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and is the largest of its kind in the country.
- **Eradicating Emerald Ash Borer.** The Granholm administration continues to fight for additional federal funding to eradicate the emerald ash borer which is destroying Michigan's emerald ash trees.
- **Protected Farmland.** Protected more than 60,000 additional acres of farmland, wetlands, and wildlife habitat on private land through a series of state programs since 2003.
- **Received Forest Protection/Use Award.** The Michigan Forest Products Council's Board of Directors chose the Governor as the second recipient of Forest Protection/Use Award based on her commitment to protecting our forests and promoting the natural resource-based economy.
- **Received Guardian of the Great Lakes Award.** Governor Granholm received Clean Water Action's highest honor, the Guardian of the Great Lakes Award. In addition to her work on water withdrawal, the Governor was honored for her efforts to fight weakening federal rules on mercury emissions, for her support of the regulation of ballast water, and her prohibition against the open water disposal of contaminated sediments.